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IT'S CALLED TRAUMATIC AMNESIA... WHEN YOU REPRESS YOUR MEMORIES...

'COS SOME SHOCKS ARE TOO MUCH FOR THE MIND TO HANDLE...

LIKE HOW I GOT TO BE THE DRAGON...

AND HOW I'VE ENDED UP IN THIS STRANGE CITY...

LOOKING DOWN ON THE BODY OF MAKO...

... WITH "TEN" CARVED ON HIS CHEST.

BUT... WHATEVER WENT DOWN HERE... I DON'T NEED IT...
IT'S NONE OF--
WHAM!
YOU UNNATURAL BORN KILLER! MAKO WAS ONE OF US!
YOUR TIME'S UP SCUMBAG!
NOW YOU'LL GET A TASTE OF POLITICALLY INCORRECT STREET JUSTICE--GANGREEN STYLE!
WE WILL MASH YOU INTO DOG FOOD! SOAK YOU IN SUPER-UNLEADED AND SET YOU ALIGHT! STRING YOU UP WITH YOUR GUTS! PUT YOUR HEAD IN A LIQUIDIZER!
AT THE VERY LEAST!
GANGREEN
SUICIDA
NUKE ME SLOWLY
PIER
PRESSURE RULES
YEAH MAN, ROAST HIS REPTILE ASS!
MORGUE
GANGREEN
TARUNCH!
OH ER...
...AG!
THOOM!
'S BECOME MY BUSINESS...
I GUESS YOU GENTLEMEN WOULDN'T BELIEVE I'M INNOCENT?

MAYBE WE CAN CHECK A DNA SAMPLE ... FROM YOUR HEART?

NO... LET'S CUT HIS FINGERS OFF... AND COMPARE HIS PRINTS WITH THE COMMANDMENT KILLER'S!

KILL ME QUICK

FIGURED. OKAY...

LET'S DO IT.

I'M NOT THE COMMANDMENT KILLER!

THE NAME'S OFFICER DRAGON -- CHICAGO PD...

AND YOU PUNKS ARE LITTERING THE BOARDWALK!

THOK

STREET RIOT...! ANOTHER JOB FOR PUBLIC SPIRIT JUNIOR!

I SHALL PROVE MYSELF WORTHY OF WEARING THIS COSTUME -- LIKE MY GLORIOUS PREDECESSOR!

KRAK

LET TRUTH AND JUSTICE PREVAIL!

STAND TALL, AMERICA!

?

ER...

WASTE HIM!

BLOW THE LITTLE SLIMEBALL AWAY!

BRRRRRRR

HMM... MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO RISK MY LIFE...

UNFORTUNATELY, I'VE SUDDENLY REMEMBERED AN URGENT MISSION IN OUTER SPACE!

VAOOAOOM

I DON'T DIE THAT EASY, FIN-HEAD! YOU'RE DEALING WITH "HEROES"! EX-SUPER SOLDIERS WHO'VE BEEN TO HELL AND BACK!

WE CAN TAKE ANY CRAP YOU CAN HAND OUT!

KRSOOSH

POW!
KER-UNCH
SPLINTER!
SHRAKKK!
BAM
BLAM
BLAM
FEAR LOATHING
POLICE! YOU'RE ALL UNDER ARREST!
MARSHAL LAW!
INCOMING... RAARGH!!
IN GOD WE TRUST
YOU'RE A COP?! WHAT KIND OF COP WEARS AN OUTFIT LIKE THAT?!
I'M A "HERO" HUNTER. I HUNT "HEROES." HAVEN'T FOUND ANY YET.
TWO BADGES. TWO BASTARDS! TWO BODYBAGS.
ONE ASSHOLE!

C'MON, SUICIDA... LET'S GO... HIT 'N' RUN, MAN!

DEATH GUARANTEED

YOU BACKED THE WRONG GREEN, LAW! SHOULD'VE BACKED GANGREEN!

YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING SOME GOOD "CLEANING UP" SAN FUTURO BY KILLING US WAR HEROES? BULLSHIT! BULL-SHIT!

YOU'RE JUST THE LACKEY OF THE SCIENTISTS AND POLITICIANS WHO TURNED US INTO FREAKS!

NICE CITY!

FIGURED YOU WERE NEW IN TOWN... BUT YOUR BADGE TOLD ME YOU'RE NOT THE MURDERER...

I KNEW THE SHARK MAN BACK IN CHICAGO... HE WANTED TO MAKE IT BIG...

BUT NOW HE'S ALL WASHED UP...

THIS IS THE COMMANDMENT KILLER'S THIRD VICTIM... ASSUMING HE IS RESPONSIBLE...

NO DOUBT OF THAT, LAW...

10 THOU SHALT NOT COVET

Thou shalt not covet a super-hero's cape, thou shalt not covet his babe, nor his butler, nor his boy companion, nor his super powers nor anything that is His!

MIGHTY MAN'S SYMBOL CARVED ON HIS BACK...

MAKO ALWAYS WANTED TO BE IN HIS LEAGUE...

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AROUND...

HIS BODY WAS DUMPED ON THE PIER... BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE FOUGHT THE KILLER HERE...

YET THERE'S A WOMAN'S HIGH-HEELS LEADING TO THE SPOT...

...AND NONE WALKING AWAY!

CONCRETE SCHULTZ

CASTLE SAND

SO WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MYSTERY LADY?

WHOEVER SHE IS, SHE WAS THE LAST PERSON TO SEE MAKO ALIVE... APART FROM THE MURDERER...

UNLESS SHE KILLED HIM.

WHOEVER IT IS-- IT'S NOT MIGHTY MAN ... THAT'S WHAT THE KILLER WANTS US TO THINK... IT'S TOO OBVIOUS...

OR HE'S TOO ARROGANT TO CARE... THESE CAPED CREEPS THINK THEY'RE GODS...

THINK THEY'RE ABOVE THE LAW!

I'LL CALL IN OUR TRANSPORT.

WE HEAD OVER SAN FUTURO TO POLICE H.Q....
I LEARN I'VE TRAVELLED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS INTO THE FUTURE...
S.F.P.D.
THERE WAS A HERO CALLED THE PUBLIC SPIRIT... HE WAS THE AMERICAN DREAM...
THE DREAM DIED
LET THE SPIRIT LIVE ON
AND A WAR -- WHERE SUPER-POWERED SOLDIERS WERE RECRUITED... INSPIRED BY THE PUBLIC SPIRIT...
THE SURVIVORS CAME HOME... TO THE CLICK OF CAR DOORS LOCKING AS THEY WENT PAST...
S.F.P.D.
LAW AT ANY COST
COLA
DOIT
THEY HAD NO JOBS... NO HOPE... AND ALL THESE CRAZY POWERS...
... AND GANGREEN GET IN...
CAPE CRISIS CENTER
TRUNK AS A SKUNK
BARBARY ROAST
THE DEAD WERE LUCKY. WHEN THINGS GET THAT BAD... IT'S BETTER TO CHECK OUT... GET THE HELL OFF THIS PLANET.
SO YOU FOUGHT IN THE WAR, TOO?
YEAH... AND I ENVY YOU, DRAGON...
I CAN'T FORGET...

I MEET LAW'S SUPERIOR.. COMMISSIONER McGLAND.

WE'VE RUN A CHECK AND THIS YOUNG DRAGON'S PRINTS MATCH THOSE OF A GUY IN CHICAGO

D'YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO YOURSELF?

MUR

MOST FOUL

PLEA

NO THANKS I'D RATHER NOT KNOW WHO I AM IN TWENTY FIVE YEARS TIME

QUITE BUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CHICAGO'S SUPER-BEINGS COULD BE VITAL ON THIS INVESTIGATION...

MANY HAVE MOVED HERE BECAUSE OF CALIFORNIA'S LIBERAL SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS...

YOU MAY RECOGNIZE THE COMMANDMENT KILLER'S FIRST VICTIM..

"STAR"!

KLK

"OR RATHER YOU WON'T. BECAUSE THE KILLER PULPED HIS FACE... REMOVED HIS FINGERPRINTS .. AND BROKE EVERY BONE IN HIS BODY.

BUT WE LEARNT FROM DENTAL RECORDS HE WAS KEN BURROWS A NOBODY WHO STOLE THE IDENTITY OF STAR'..

SO HE COULD ENJOY THE... FRINGE BENEFITS OF A SUPER HERO.

THIS NOTE WAS FOUND BY THE BODY...

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STEALING

To steal a hero's identity is to steal his life, his courage To make mine what is thine and to keep as mine what ought to be thine. So it is justice for mine to steal thine

"AS NEXT VICTIM WAS BREATHLESS... WHO WAS MARRIED TO FELLOW SECRET TRIBUNAL MEMBER, RAGNAROK..

SHE WAS FOUND STRANGLED

"SHE HAD TWO LOVERS, PUBLIC SPIRIT JUNIOR ...AND GROWING BOY...

BECAUSE SHE WAS A MUTANT, SHE FEARED MEN FOUND HER REPULSIVE...AND CONSTANTLY NEEDED, 'COMFORTING'"

"THIS SEEMS TO HAVE UPSET THE KILLER

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ADULTERY

The UNION of HERO A + HEROINE B's broken if B seduces C and D THEN B+C+D are being unheroic for it is a crime against A, robbing A of his rights to B THEN E may PUNISH B!

I KNEW BREATHLESS.. I'M SURPRISED SHE DIDN'T GET THROUGH THE WHOLE ALPHABET.

REALLY? I THOUGHT SHE GOT STUCK ON 'F'...

OR WAS IT 'M'.. MARSHAL?

I'M AWARE OF THE TIME YOU... COMFORTED HER, LAW

YOU'RE NOT SUGGESTING I'M THE MURDERER?

BUT TAKE THIS, WHEN THEY FOUND HER

.. SHE WAS HANGING FROM A NOOSE OF BARBED WIRE!

WE DESCEND TO H S SECRET BASE.

THE MURDERS HAVE SENT A WAVE OF PAN.C THROUGH SAN FUTURO S SUPER HERO COMMUN TY.

ALL OF THEM HAVE BROKEN AT LEAST ONE COMMANDMENT .. THEY RE WONDER NG ..

.WHO W LL THE COMMANDMENT KILLER EXECUTE NEXT ?

THE M SS ON HOSPITAL S UP ABOVE . MAKO ATTENDED ITS REHAB-CENTER... FOR SUPER HAS-BEENS

WE MAY GET SOME CLUES THERE.

T S ALSO WHERE I BECOME JOE @ LMORE-- HOSPITAL ORDERLY.

ANGE'

I D BETTER BE ON T ME THE MATRON S A REAL TARTAR

I RECOGN ZE SOME OF THE DOWN AND OUTS FROM CH CAGO' CESSPOOL HORR BLE . RAG NG WOODY

NURSE : NURSE :

AND I SEE ANOTHER SIDE TO LAW... I START TO RESPECT THIS GUY...

NURSE...!

IT'S ALL R GHT, PETER-- DON'T SHOUT... THERE ARE OTHER PATIENTS TO CONSIDER AS WELL AS YOURSELF...

JOE GIL

NURSE..!

GILMORE...! HAVE YOU SEEN THE STATE OF THE LATRINES..? CLEAN THEM UP RIGHT AWAY

YES, MATRON.. SORRY... THEY'VE COME UNDER PRESSURE SINCE CESSPOOL JOINED US

NURSE...!

OH!

ANNE STEVENS

I RECOGNIZE THE MATRON ... IT'S ANN STEVENS...

NURSE...!

DRAGON... PLEASE... YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE WHO KNOW I'M MIGHTY MAN... YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP MY SECRET.

NURSE...!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, ANN?

" I CAME TO SAN FUTURO TO MAKE A NEW START .. TO GET AWAY FROM BEING MIGHTY MAN...

" HE'S BECOME ALMOST A GOD NOW... THEY'VE GOT STATUES TO H M, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!"

MIGHTY MAN

SO WHERE DO YOU AND AND MAKO FIT IN...?

NURSE...!

HE DISCOVERED MY SECRET IDENT,TY. HE WAS BLACKMAIL-ING ME...

DANGER DO NOT OVER FEED

I WAS HOPING I COULD BUY HIM OFF. BUT HE WANTED MORE... HE WANTED EVERYTHING I'D GOT.

SO IT WAS YOUR HIGH HEELS LEADING DOWN TO THE WATERFRONT

NURSE...!

YES I DID MEET HIM.. I ASKED FOR MORE TIME TO FIND THE MONEY THEN I FLEW OFF AS MIGHTY MAN..

I HATED HIM SURE. BUT I DON'T KILL HIM DRAGON. YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME.

NURSE..

HOW DID HE FIND OUT?

NURSE..

STRANGE NAME

NURSE..

IT'S BECAUSE I WAS NEARLY A SUPER HERO.. BUT I WAS FINALLY REJECTED

SORRY

HE SAW ME CHANGE INTO A WOMAN.. HE ATTACKED ME..

SORRY-- THE NEARLY-MAN-- CAME TO MY RESCUE.

BUT I'M NOT BITTER I FIGURE FOR EVERY SUCCESS THERE'S GOT TO BE FAILURES RIGHT?

TELL ME ABOUT MAKO

NURSE..

HE CAME HERE WHEN THE VICIOUS CIRCLE TURNED DOWN HIS APPLICATION

NURSE..

HE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE *NUMBER ONE*..

I REMEMBER HE WENT INTO A RAGING FURY WHEN HE DISCOVERED HE WAS ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR ON THE FBI'S MOST WANTED LIST..

LATER I TELL JOE WHAT I'VE LEARNT

MOTIVE, OPPORTUNITY, TALENTS, DRAGON

BUT I KNOW MIGHTY MAN SHES INNOCENT

THEY SAID THAT ABOUT THE PUBLIC SPIRIT AND I DISCOVERED HE WAS A LIAR, A DRUG-ADDICT AND A MURDERER..!

MIGHTY MANS THE SAME BREED

THERE WAS A COVER-UP ON THE PUBLIC SPIRIT.

THAT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN DRAGON I WON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO GET IN THE WAY OF FINDING OUT THE TRUTH..

THESE HEROES... THESE "MESSIAHS" WHO THINK THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH MURDER THEY GOT TO BE NAILED TO THEIR CROSSES.

JOE, MAYBE YOU'RE LETTING YOUR HATRED OF THIS PUBLIC SPIRIT AFFECT YOUR JUDGEMENT

AND MAYBE YOU'RE LETTING YOUR FRENDSHIP WITH MIGHTY MAN GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR DUTY AS A COP.

JOE CALM DOWN MIGHTY MAN ISN'T THE PUBLIC SPIRIT OKAY.?

WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE

OKAY ?

SORRY DRAGON SOMETIMES I FORGET JUST HOW MUCH HATRED I STILL HAVE IN MY HEART

I WISH THE PUBLIC SPIRIT WAS STILL ALIVE SOME COULD DIE ALL OVER AGAIN..

ONE DEATH IS NOT ENOUGH FOR A BASTARD LIKE HIM.

IT'S OKAY MAN IT'S OKAY.

NEWS S JUST COM NG N OF ANOTHER COMMANDMENT K LL NG

JUST CE SCO OF SUPER PATRIOT NAS FOUND DEAD N HS HOTEL ROOM

DEATH of a HERO

THE K LLER FORCED H M TO SWALLOW THE AMER CAN FLAG HE CHOKED TO DEATH

JUST CE RECENTLY WROTE THE BEST SELLER DADDY DEAREST

NW CHRGE. EALS HOW SUPER PATRIOT ALWAYS KEPT H M N THE SHADE H S FATHERS TERRORIST CONNECTIONS .. AND THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TIME HE TURNED AGA NST THE PENTAGON

JUST CE WAS ON A BOOK-SIGN NG TOUR N SAN FRAN WHEN THE K LLER STRUCK

TH S NOTE NAS FOUND N H S ROOM

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HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER

YOU ARE FOUND G HE TRUTH YOUR DAD MADE N AMER JACK IS TRAGIC UNTHINK LIES YOU BELIEVE TO BE PUNISHED PUNISHED PUNISHED!

LETS GO.

NOTICE THE ANGER IN THE HANDWRITING? MAYBE THE KILLINGS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIS DAD..

MAYBE BUT DID YOU KNOW JUST HE WAS PODED TO BE THE NEXT PUBLIC SPEAKER

WHAT ABOUT HIS JUNIOR?

THEY SAID HE WAS TOO YOUNG

THAT MUST HAVE ANGERED HIM. HE JUST HE NEEDED SURGERY TO BECOME THE SPEAKER

WHAT? THE KILLERS LEFT ANOTHER CALLING CARD

I'M HIS NEXT VICTIM

6 MURDER

I GUESS THIS NARROWS THE SUSPECTS DOWN TO EVERY SUPER HERO IN SAN FUTURO.

OVER THERE, A MIST ROLLING TOWARDS US

WHERE THE FRAGS IT COME FROM?
KRUMP
KRUMP
LISTEN - RECKON TS THE COMMANDMENT K LLER...
BRRRRRRRRR
THOK!!
AAAHHH!
WHOOOSHH!
CHING CHING CHING
HE S MOV NG SO FAST CAN - SEE WHO WE RE DEAL NG WITH.
BOOM
BOOM
DANGER MEDICAL WASTE
DESTROY INFECTED TISSUE
DESTROY
SKRASH!!
TS STOPPED.
HE S TAKEN OFF
SHOW YOURSELF DAMM T.
OH CRAP.
HOOM!
A K LLER W TH SUPER STRENGTH WHO FL ES AND F RES ENERGY BEAMS
SORRY DRAGON YOUR BUDDY MIGHTY MAN S BACK ON THE SUSPECT L ST.
AND HE S JUST BROKEN THE ULT MATE COMMANDMENT
SLICHAK

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MURDER

MURDER IS THE TAKING OF LIFE WITH HATE. SO THE DARK ANGER, THE CRUEL SARCASM, THE EVIL SNEER ON YOUR MASK OF HATE ARE AS MUCH MURDER AS YOUR BLAZING BULLETS. TO HATE US HERO AS IS TO DAMN US AND NOW YOU TOO ARE DAMNED!

THOU SHALT NOT PISS OFF MARSHAL LAW!

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

CATHEDRAL

SP

PUNISHER

CUT THE CAPE!

Welcome to Ten the first Image Marshal Law (or the 15th book if you've tailed us since 87)...He's back in time to celebrate his Tenth birthday with this two issue, black and white special anniversary story with no harmful color to ruin your eyesight! That's why we thought it should also be called Ten First up, a very special thanks to Erik Larsen for returning Law to comics. We're big fans of Dragon and feel the Marshal speaks the same language - so when he invited us to do a cross-over we jumped at the chance. So where the frag have we been for the last three years?

Well...hard at work on Marshal Law - the Movie! The negotiations, endless meetings and phone calls (and we mean endless!), screenplay and character designs took up more time and energy than you could imagine or want to know about! But we're really excited about the outcome and still are as crazy about our characters as ever. More about the Movie in the next issue plus news on the next Law comic-book. Now we're back, we're not planning to go away again! See you next issue.

Pat and Kev

MARSHAL LAW CANON

A chronological history of Law and Disorder

All stories by Pat Mills & Kevin O'Neill

IN THE BEGINNING..
MARVEL/EPIC
Painted Color 28 pages
#1 - Oct 1987
#2 - Feb 1988
#3 - April 1988
#4 - Aug 1988
#5 - Dec 1988
#6 - April 1989
Marvel Marshal Law Poster 1989

MARVEL/EPIC CRIME & PUNISHMENT - MARSHAL LAW TAKES MANHATTAN
Painted Cover 48 pages 1989
Pencils Kevin O'Neill
Inks Mark A Nelson
Color Mark Chiarello
(UK Magazine edition March 1991)

MARVEL/EPIC MARSHAL LAW- TRADE PAPERBACK - FEAR AND LOATHING
- Collects 1-6 with new 8 page prologue story
- Introduction by Clive Barker

June 1990

APOCALYPSE LTD. MARSHAL LAW - KINGDOM OF THE BLIND
Painted Color 48 pages 1990
(UK Magazine edition also 1990)

MARVEL UK. "STRIP"
Fortnightly magazine Issues 1 to 12 Feb, 1990 - July 1990
Reprints 1-6 (Issue 2 has free Marshal Law poster)

APOCALYPSE LTD. MARSHAL LAW - THE HATEFUL DEAD
- Featured in Toxic! Weekly U.K. comic Issues 1 to 8 March 1991 - May 1991
- U.S. Edition Painted color 48 pages 1991
- Toxic Issues 14-15 June/July 1991 reprints Fear and Loathing Prologue as "Rites of Passage" with new cover and additional page of art

GRAPHITTI DESIGN LTD. HARD-COVER EDITION 1991
- Collects Marshal Law 1-6 Fear and Loathing
- Crime and Punishment- Marshal Law takes Manhattan
- Special section "Monsters and Creators" on the Genesis of Marshal Law. Signed by creators and limited to 1500 printings

DARK HORSE MARSHAL LAW - SUPER BABYLON
(Sequel to Hateful Dead)
Painted Color 48 pages
May 1992

DARK HORSE TRADE PAPERBACK. MARSHAL LAW - BLOOD SWEAT AND FEARS
Collects Kingdom of the Blind The Hateful Dead Super Babylon
September 1993

MARVEL/EPIC PINHEAD VS. MARSHAL LAW - LAW IN HELL
#1 Nov 1993
#2 Dec 1993
32 pages Colorist Steve Buccellato
Pencils and inks Kevin O'Neill

DARK HORSE MARSHAL LAW - SECRET TRIBUNAL
#1 Sept 1993
#2 April 1994
32 pages Painted color

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Marshal Law Suicida and badge tee-shirts from Neptune Ltd. and Graffitti designs 1990 - 1991

MOVIE
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MARSHAL RAW

A psychological profile

MARSHAL LAW
aka JOE GILMORE

HEIGHT: 6 2"
EYES: Blue
WEIGHT: 240 lbs
HAIR: Black
DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:
Barbed wire track marks on arm
GROUP AFFILIATION: Secret Tribunal (Lapsed)
SIGNIFICANT OTHER: Lynn Evans (Deceased)
BASE OF OPERATIONS: San Futuro California

Joe Gilmore was an only child brought up in a mortuary. Such an environment, with its obsession with death, may have inspired his dark alter-ego Marshal Law. But we must also consider the Public Spirit as the source. For it was America's greatest hero who inspired a generation to go to war, to join the super program, to allow their bodies to be mutilated and to die in their thousands.

When Gilmore returned from the war, embittered, disillusioned, and disturbed by the criminal behavior of his fellow vets, such as Suicida, he may have needed a method of visualizing and dispelling his guilt and torment. And what better way than a costume that was the exact opposite of the Public Spirit, his fallen idol? And so the bright primary colors of the Spirit's costume were replaced by sinister red and black. A mockery of all that he had once held dear. The barbed wire wrapped around his arm became a visual symbol of his internal pain. He was transformed into a dark twin of the Public Spirit whom he hunted day and night until the Spirit was finally proved guilty of murder.

But this hunt was also a subconscious search for the darkness within Law himself. And explains his admiration for another of his childhood heroes the military clad dark avenger, the legendary Private Eye. Later Law become disillusioned with the Private Eye after discovering his true murderous nature and executed him. (The Eye had managed his youthful appearance and powerful physique for Fifty years with organ transplants from his boy companions). Thus Law repeated the pattern of respect and disillusionment previously established with the Public Spirit.

When he visited an asylum for mentally disturbed heroes in New York to arrest the criminal known as the Persecutor, the doctors confirmed Law was suffering from a disorder of the obsessive compulsive type which manifests itself as an excessive hatred of super heroes whom he spends his time hunting down.

This hostile attitude was clearly a protective device against recognition of super hero characteristics within himself and indicated his own self loathing for possible crimes he committed during the war.

We would agree with this diagnosis, a condition worsened by his guilt over the death of his girlfriend, Lynn Evans, at the hands of the Sleepman - a killing he felt he should have prevented. Her subsequent reanimation as his enemy, the zombie super heroine Vindicta, again repeats the familiar pattern of love and hate, admiration and rejection, hope and tragedy.

There is no doubt that Law's psycho-neurosis has now reached an acute delusional stage for he claims he has visited Hell to fight demonic super heroes he called Cenobites. His inner shame and guilt were also recently confirmed by his embarrassment when he accepted the leadership of the Secret Tribunal - a group of top super heroes whom he had nothing but deep contempt for, despite their impressive and courageous record. Thus he mirrored his own deep contempt for himself.

Significantly, he has rejected any attempts by a new generation of heroes to imitate or admire him. It's reported that he said to Growing Boy (who wanted to be his boy companion) ... "Don't end up like all the other costumed assholes out there, kid. Or worse still - like me." Then added bitterly: "Living a fool's dream as a costumed avenger is better than knowing the truth - what's really going down out there - which is utterly painful."

The paradox is that as Joe Gilmore he appears perfectly normal and rational, a kind and helpful member of society. Indeed, as a hospital orderly Gilmore spends his days caring for sick and invalid super heroes. Only when he dons the costume of his dark alter-ego Marshal Law does his behavior become violent, anti-social and an acute danger to all our costumed brethren.

Unfortunately this preoccupation with hating heroes is now so manic, obsessive and life threatening it is unlikely to benefit from any form of chemical control such as a serotonin re-uptake inhibitor like fluoxetine (Prozac). We should therefore give serious consideration to the recommendation that he be immediately hospitalized in a maximum security institution and given psychosurgery - full frontal lobotomy - to alleviate his symptoms.

NEXT

Law and Dragon's showdown with the Commander Killer whose secret identity is finally revealed! Suicida visits his wife in the Hostel for Battered Superheroines and receives a battering himself. And, thanks to the Dragon, Law is finally cured of his hatred of super heroes. What?! Yep - you read that right! Also news on the Marshal Law movie plus his next comic book encounter with, ? Thou shalt not ignore it!

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I USED TO SEE RED

NOW I ONLY SEE BLACK

BLACK-HATRED FOR THE COMMANDMENT KILLER

DEEP DOWN THIS SORRY INDIVIDUAL IS BEGGING FOR PUNISHMENT

AND HE WILL RECEIVE

YOU?! NOT YOU! IT IS NOT POSSIBLE.

AT LAST I'LL LEARN HIS DEATH

AND MY MONEY'S ON MIGHTY MAN.

HE'S THE ONLY ONE WITH THIS KIND OF KICK-ASS POWER

THOOM!

OVERLORD!

OVERLORD ?- IF I RECALL MY GALLERY OF SHAME HE WAS LEADER OF THE VICIOUS CIRCLE IN CHICAGO TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

HE'S DEAD.

LAW AND DRAGON A TEAM-UP MADE IN HELL AND BOTH SHALL SUFFER.

LAW FOR YOUR MEAN-SPIRITED VENDETTA AGAINST SUPER HEROES.

AND DRAGON FOR BREAKING THE FIRST COMMANDMENT. FALSE GODS.

FOR ARMED POLICE KILLERS LIKE YOU ARE FALSE HEROES FALSE GODS.

DRAGNET.

BOOM!

IS SHORTING OUT HIS POWER SUIT.

SZZZZ

HAH.

WHERE ARE THE CLEAN CUT HEROES OF YESTERYEAR?

WHO NEVER KILLED AND NEVER USED GUNS?

LET THERE BE AN END TO GORGEOUS VIGILANTES.

OH.

CRAP.

FOR IS IT NOT BETTER TO BLESS THAN TO BLAST ?
THADOOM!
DOUBLE CRAD
SMASH!
KRAKK!!
LETS GET BACK TO TRADITIONAL VALUES . TRADITIONAL HEROES
IT HAS TO BE SOMEONE ELSE IN OVERLORDS SUIT AND HE IS SERIOUSLY BARKING
SWANG!
TOO MANY PATENTS FOR GUN PLAY LETS GIVE THIS CREEP A TRADITIONAL BEATING.
YOU GOT .
BACK OFF OR I SWAT FLYBOY THIS TINY SLIVER HAD AN UNNATURAL RELATIONSHIP WITH KING DONKEY
HE'S TORCHING INTENSIVE CARE.
WHOOSH!
SWOM!
MERCY LUCK
SPRINKLERS TAKEN CARE OF IT . OKAY LAW YOU DON'T STILL BELIEVE IT'S MIGHTY MAN ?
WHY NOT? THE SUIT ACTS AS A DISGUISE AND OVERLORD NEVER FLEW

SO HOW DID HE GET AHOLD OF T?

ADMIN

T S T ME WE TALKED TO M GHTY MAN, A.K.A. MATRON ANN STEVENS!

STD

MATRON

REMEMBER THE K LLER KNOWS I WORK HERE AND THE LAYOUT OF TH S HOSP.TAL.

THAT MAKES HER A PR ME SUSPECT!

STEVENS

SKRAK!

I VE SCREWED UP B'G-TIME

DUTY ROTA

2 IDOLS

THE PUBLIC SPIRIT IS THE ONE TRUE HERO. LET THERE BE NO OTHERS LIKE THIS, NEGLIGENT MAN/WOMAN THAT CALLS ITSELF MIGHTY MAN!

THE KILLER MUST HAVE DRUGGED HER BEFORE SHE COULD TURN NTO M GHTY MAN

MAYBE H S SOUL S ST LL N THERE AND CAN BE RETR EVED ONE DAY

DRAGON I NON T TAKE T AM SS F YOU NANT TO K CK THE CRAP OUT OF ME.. TS WHAT I NEED TO BR NG ME TO MY SENSES

HOW COULD I BE SO STUPID F I WAS TH NK NG STRA GHT I COULD HAVE SAVED HER BUT--NO I GOTTA TH NK THE WORST OF SUPER HEROES. YOU D OT LAW. YOU FRAGG NG D OT.

JOE, STOP BEAT NG YOURSELF UP YOU RE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF MAN

BECAUSE I M A SUPER HERO TOO GOD HELP ME

WE'RE EXPECTED TO BE PERFECT SUPER SMART NEVER MAKE M STAKES

PD

YOU DID THE BEST YOU COULD MAN

THAT'S A MATTER OF OPINION SORRY TO INTERRUPT GENTLEMEN BUT COMMISSIONER McGLAND IS HERE...

THERES BEEN ANOTHER MURDER

THE COMMANDMENT KILLER SENT HIM THE VIDEO.

THIS GUY IS MAKING US DANCE LIKE PUPPETS . BUT WHEN I FIND HIM HELL BE DANCING.. FROM A ROPE!

OH MARSHAL- BEFORE YOU GO..

AS YOU KNOW I'M A COLLECTOR OF SUPER HERO MEMORABILIA

I WAS WONDERING-- WHEN YOU'D FINISHED WITH THE NEEDLES.. MAYBE I COULD . SORRY COURSE NOT. SHOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT IT UP BAD IDEA SORRY

HIS LATEST VICTIM IS RUBBER JOHNNY, GENTLEMEN .

WHO-- IN CASE YOU'RE NOT AWARE, DRAGON-- WAS AN... ELASTICATED MAN

HE TRIED ESCAPING THROUGH AN AIR VENT. BUT THE KILLER HAD BLOCKED IT UP.

HE'D ALSO SEALED THE DOOR

AND THE TOILET.

THE KILLER DRAGGED HIM BACK EVERY TIME

"IN DESPERATION, HE CONTORTED HIS BODY INTO THE SHAPE OF A CUTE FAWN... PRESUMABLY HOPING TO EXTRACT PITY FROM HIS EXECUTIONER.

PLEASE PLEASE DON'T HURT ME

"FOR A MOMENT THE KILLER APPEARS TO HAVE HESITATED

"NOTE THE SUDDEN LOOK OF HOPE IN JOHNNY'S EYES

"BUT THE DELAY WAS SIMPLY TO UNVEIL THE INSTRUMENTS OF HIS DESTRUCTION.

NO!

SORRY, SORRY.

THE REST IS TOO MUCH TO WATCH EVEN FOR MY STRONG STOMACH

THE PARCEL ARRIVED WITH JOHNNY'S FINGERS USED AS STRING.

JOHNNY'S CONDOMINIUM WAS DEVOTED TO THE SALE OF SUPER HERO PRODUCTS.. ACCORDING TO THIS NOTE THE KILLER OBJECTED TO SUCH COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION

JR'S

CAPE AND PILLAGE

ROOMY TRUNKS

WALK TALL COSTUMES

DON'T BE A SHAM BUY UNCLE SAM™

SPOILER EVIDENCE

4 BLACK SABBATH

ONE DAY A WEEK, EVEN THE PUBLIC SPIRIT (MAY HE REST IN PEACE) HAD TO REST, BUT YOU NEVER RESTED FROM MAKING MONEY. SO I WILL MAKE YOU REST... IN PIECES

HMM... THE KILLER COULD HAVE BOUGHT OVERLORD'S SUIT FROM THE CONDOMINIUM IF WE CHECK JOHNNY'S INVOICES WE MAY DISCOVER HIS IDENTITY

YEAH YOU'RE RIGHT I HAD THE FEELING HE KNEW HIS KILLER

THERE'S A MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM GENTLEMEN PREVENTING HIM FROM STRIKING AGAIN

THERE ARE STILL TWO COMMANDMENTS LEFT BLASPHEMY AND FALSE WITNESS...

THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY NEIGHBOR... ANY LIKELY TARGETS, JOE?

EVERY HERO IN SAN FUTURO... THEY NEVER STOP BITCHING AND LYING ABOUT EACH OTHER

YOU SHOULD HEAR WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT ME...! 'COURSE IT'S ALL TRUE IN MY CASE.

WAIT A MINUTE... THERE'S THAT LIBEL CASE GOING THROUGH THE HIGH COURT PUBLIC SPIRIT JUNIOR SUING GROWING BOY.

BUT I'VE GOT THE PUBLIC SPIRIT ON THE BRAIN FORGET THAT

NO NO--GO ON JOE THIS COULD BE IMPORTANT

WELL... PUBLIC SPIRIT JUNIOR CLAIMS HE SAVED AN ORBITING SPACE STATION FROM ALIEN ATTACK... WHILE I KNOW GROWING BOY WAS THE REAL HERO

AND THE KILLER VENERATES THE PUBLIC SPIRIT'S MEMORY THAT'S GOT TO BE IT, JOE

LET'S GET OVER THERE.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE WON YOUR LIBEL CASE, PS JUNIOR?

I'M JUST GLAD TRUTH AND JUSTICE HAVE PREVAILED AND WE CAN ONCE AGAIN SAY:

STAND TALL AMERICA.

JUSTICE

KISS ME

PS Jnr I BEL TO WIN MY ♡

HE HAD THE SPIRIT IN ME

WHAT ABOUT THE ACCUSATION THAT THE JUDGE HAD TO BELIEVE AMERICAS NEXT SUPERMAN...? WAS THAT WHY YOU WERE ONLY AWARDED ONE DOLLAR IN DAMAGES?

IT'S THE PRINCIPLE THAT COUNTS THE MONEY WAS NEVER IMPORTANT

PS

IF I CAN QUOTE THE WORDS OF THE LAST PUBLIC SPIRIT... "NO REWARD IS NECESSARY..."

BEING AMERICANS REWARD ENOUGH

YOU HAVE BROKEN THE NINTH COMMANDMENT.. "FALSE WITNESS!"

YOU HAVE TAKEN AWAY A HEROS GOOD NAME AND PROVED UNWORTHY TO BEAR A GREAT NAME!

DARN.

POOM!

PS

WHAMM!

I'LL SAVE YOU MISS.

PS

THWACK!

POOM!

OKAY, YOU SAVE ME.

A...E HAS GONE A M...LE WH...LE TRUTH WAS PUTT...NG ON TS TRUNKS..

TCHOW!

BUT T S NOT TOO LATE FOR VENGEANCE.

FOOOM!

CHANG!

TCHAK!

KRONK

OH SH

KRASH!

TOO ..ATE HE GOT AWAY

BUT AT LEAST JUST'CE WAS SERVED.

WHILE DRAGON CHECKS RUBBER JOHNNY'S FILES I RETURN TO THE MISSION

I'LL TALK TO THE PATIENTS... THEY MAY KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT MATRON STEVENS' DEATH..

THOSE FAILURES ? YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME JOE

BUT THAT'S HOW YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF SORRY... YOU USED TO SAY FOR EVERY HERO THERE HAD TO BE A THOUSAND FAILURES

SURE YOU KNOW BEST WELL YOU THINK YOU DO

KRAKATOA WARD

ALWAYS GOT AN ANSWER HAVEN'T YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU MUTTERING ABOUT SORRY?

OH, NOTHING SMART ASS

BUT THERE'S ONE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND THESE FAILURES JOE

THEY'RE MAD

I TRY ELEMENTAL MAN... WHO WAS DESIGNED TO HAVE POWER OVER THE ELEMENTS

BUT INSTEAD, THEY HAVE POWER OVER HIM

BA-WHOOM!

ZZZAM!

BOOM!

WOOOSH!

RRUMBLE!

CHOM!

WE'VE MANAGED TO CONTAIN THE PROBLEM, NOW WE'VE PUT EARTH IN HIS TANK...

MATRON STEVENS..? AFRAID NOT, JOE I DON'T SEE A THING.

I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EARTHQUAKE AT THE TIME

HOW ABOUT YOU, CESSPOOL...? DID YOU SEE WHO KILLED HER?

SORRY SORRY

IT'S OKAY, PETER.. YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.

THE PUNISHED..

I WAS TOO BUSY COUNTING MY CHAINS JOE... EACH LINK REPRESENTS ONE OF MY VICTIMS.

THEY'LL NEVER LET ME GO

HELLBORN... DURING THE WAR, HE RAPED AND MURDERED WOMEN. BUT CAN'T ACCEPT WHAT HE DID.

WHOEVER KILLED HER DID US A FAVOR, JOE! WOMEN ARE ALIENS FROM ANOTHER PLANET.

THEY SEEK TO DEVOUR US - TRAP US IN THE JAWS OF HELL.

FOR WOMB THE BELL TOLLS

MISTRUST

MISTAKE

SCRATCH THAT BITCH

FEM

THE WATCHLORD...

DID YOU SEE ANYTHING FROM UP THERE WATCHLORD?

I WOULD LOSE MY GOD STATUS IF I INTERFERED IN THE AFFAIRS OF MORTALS, JOE...

BUT ALL IS WELL IN THE WORLD... SO SAFELY GO.

NONE OF THEM CAN HELP DRAGON. THEY'RE ALL LOCKED INTO THEIR OWN PRIVATE HELLS.

AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING...? SO ARE YOU, JOE.

HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED YET...? AS LONG AS YOU HATE SUPER HEROES... YOU'RE STILL HATING YOURSELF.

IF YOU WANT TO BE FREE, YOU HAVE TO LET IT GO JOE

HOW CAN I...? AFTER WHAT I DID IN THE WAR?

I... I WAS NO HERO DRAGON

WHATEVER YOU DID, IT'S GONE. AND YOU'VE MADE UP FOR IT SINCE. I'VE SEEN HOW YOU CARE FOR THESE UNFORTUNATES. YOU DON'T HAVE TO DENY IT ANY LONGER.

YOU ARE A HERO JOE

YOU'RE RIGHT, DRAGON. I CAN LET IT GO NOW...

MAYBE THAT'S THE REASON YOU WERE SENT HERE... TO TELL ME IT WAS TIME

IT'S LIKE A HUGE WEIGHT'S SUDDENLY LIFTED OFF ME... I'M FREE...!

YES. FROM NOW ON THERE'LL BE A NEW MARSHAL LAW... NO LONGER OBSESSED WITH HATE, AND PAIN AND VIOLENCE. BECAUSE.

MARSHAL LAW DOESN'T HATE SUPER HEROES ANYMORE.

FEAR LOATHIN

OKAY... NOW CHECK THIS .. THE GUY WHO BOUGHT OVERLORD'S OLD SUIT FROM RUBBER JOHNNY WAS A "THOMAS ROYE

A K A SORRY -- THE NEARLY MAN!

I'LL KILL THE BASTARD.

BUT FIRST WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM SO... WHO WOULD HE CONSIDER GUILTY OF BREAKING HIS FINAL COMMANDMENT ABOUT,

"BLASPHEMY. ?"

SHE GOT WHAT'S COMING. SHE'S GOT WHAT'S COMING.

THIS IS THE NEW SUICIDA... I NO LONGER TAKE MY ANGER OUT ON SOCIETY.. I TAKE IT OUT ON THE WIFE!

WHY DON'T SHE RETURN MY CALLS ? OR ANSWER MY LETTERS ?

MAYBE STARTING YOUR LETTER "DEAR BITCH WAS A BIT STRONG

ME SLOWLY

KRAWLH

KRAK

HOT DOGS Cold Turkey

BUT WHY HAS SHE GOT TO STAY IN A HOSTEL? I ONLY GAVE HER A TAP SHE'S AN AMMO-ZONE . SHE CAN TAKE HER BUMPS. SHE'S BUILT FOR A BEATING:

YOU SEE.. ? YOU SEE. ? SHE'S MAKING ME MAD AGAIN.

NO A HOSTEL FOR BATTERED WOMEN

I DON'T MEAN TO USE THE GOLDEN ARM AT ONCE, I GOT CARRIED AWAY WITH YOUR BRACELETS OF SUBMISSION

AND SHE'S COMPLAINING ABOUT ME DISCIPLINING THE THE BOY MY DAD BEAT ME BLACK AND BLUE AND IT NEVER DID ME ANY HARM.

FACT, IT MADE ME WHAT I AM TODAY.. HIS FISTS WERE SO RAW, HE COULDN'T BEAT ME ANYMORE

ALL MEN ARE SCUM

EAT MY ARMPIT

ALL RIGHT I MAY HAVE HIT THE KID--BUT WAS IT MY FAULT THE STARS WERE IN THE WAY? HE JUST KEPT ON ROLLING HE WAS SHOWING OFF HE JUST DID IT FOR ATTENTION HE LOVED BEING IN TRACTION

HELL IF I SEE YOU ANYMORE DOWN I'LL PUT THE BITCH

DADDY DADDY.

BILLY. WHOS MY LITTLE BOY THEN?

CYCLOID

ER ACTUALLY SUICIDA, ITS RONNY

ME?

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO TEACH YOU TO PLAY FOOTBALL ER-RONNY?

YAY!

OH YES DADDY.

End

SUICIDA S'THAT YOU?

YEAH ITS ME HONEY I'VE COME TO TAKE YOU HOME

CRUMP!

NOW DON'T RUN AWAY AGAIN DON'T LOOK SO NERVOUS. WHO ARE YOU SCARED OF? THERES ONLY ME HERE

I WANTED TO EXPLAIN. I MADE ME MAD THE WAY YOU HID FROM ME THAT WAS WHY I WENT DOWN THAT NALL

IT'S THE WAR. IT GIVES ME THESE RED RAGES BUT I PROMISE I'LL CHANGE I'LL MAKE THE WORLD TURN FOR YOU AGAIN

YES I REMEMBER HOW IT SPUN WHEN YOU LAST HIT ME

I ♡ Me

BUT IT TAUGHT ME A LESSON, SUICIDA

I'VE FINALLY REALIZED - MY PLACE IS IN THE KITCHEN..

SO WERE BACK TOGETHER AGAIN? MASSIVE.

ms. MUSCLE MUSCLE OVEN CLEANER LOVES THE JOB YOU HATE! STAIN KILLS ACTION GETS RID OF SCUM FAST

YOU BASTARD.

AAAGHH.

SHK!

CAN'T SEE CAN'T SEE

CALL YOURSELF GANGREEN. YOU SHOULD CALL YOURSELF GANGYELLOW YOU COWARD!

YOU LIKE VIOLENCE SO MUCH... HERE'S SOME MORE FOR YOU TO ENJOY.

KRAK!

AAAH. BUMMER.

KRUNCH!

WHERE ARE YOU, B*TCH? STAND STILL AND TAKE IT LIKE A WOMAN.

UUUH.

WOWHH BEATEN UP BY A WOMAN HE CAN'T BE OUR LEADER NO MORE

NO NAT YOU'RE THROUGH SUCKA

DOUBLE BUMMER! I'VE LOST MY GANG.

SMAK!

AND NOW I'D LIKE YOU TO LEAVE. GOODBYE SUCKA

KRACK!!

KADOW!

FRAG! SHOULD HAVE CHECKED MY HOROSCOPE THIS MORNING...

NEED ANY HELP FRIEND?

YEAH COULD YOU TAKE ME TO THE MISSION HOSPITAL? GOTTA GET MY EYES SEEN TO

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BLASPHEMY

YOU HAVE BLASPHEMED AGAINST THE HERO CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH REQUIRES HEROES TO BEHAVE IN A COURTEOUS AND RESPECTFUL MANNER; TO RESOLVE ARGUMENTS WITHOUT VIOLENCE; AND NOT TO WEAR COSTUMES BEARING LEWD OR OFFENSIVE MESSAGES

HAVE WE ARRIVED ? THIS DOESN'T FEEL LIKE A HOSPITAL

HEY I'M STARTING TO SEE AGAIN

OH CRAP

I AM THE COMMANDMENT KILLER

I AM ALSO SORRY THE NEARLY MAN

WHAT'S GOING ON MAN ? WHO ARE YOU ?

DANGER NUCLEAR HAZARD KEEP OUT

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE AT THE MERCY OF A NERD ? A NOMAD ?

REMEMBER HOW YOU USED TO MAKE FUN OF ME HUMILIATE ME ?

YOU'RE THAT LITTLE JERK I USED TO. THEY BETTER KILL ME NOW ANORAK COS WHEN I'M FIGHTING FIT YOU ARE SERIOUSLY DEAD.

LET ME EXPLAIN SUCH DOWN BELOW ARE THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF NUCLEAR WASTE.

ANYONE WHO COMES IN CONTACT WITH IT WILL DIE A SLOW PAINFUL HUMILIATING DEATH FROM RADIATION POISONING"

YOUR HAIR AND TEETH WILL FALL OUT YOU WILL BECOME A CRINGING WIMP

YES YOU WILL BE THE ONE TO AVOID EYE CONTACT TO BE AFRAID OF WALKING DOWN CERTAIN STREETS TO BE CAUGHT REMOVING TRUNKS FROM WASHING LINES

EH ?

YOUR DEAREST WISH IS ABOUT TO COME TRUE SUICIDA.. TO BE NUKED SLOWLY.

TREBLE BUMMER.

OH NO. MERCIFUL GOD. NOT HIM, TOO.

IS THERE NO JUSTICE IN THE WORLD?

NUKE ME SLOWLY

NO SUICIDA THERE IS ONLY

MARSHAL LAW!

WWOOOOOSH

TO BE RESCUED BY LAW. THIS IS TOO MUCH TO BEAR

YES AND AFTER HEARING ABOUT YOUR RECENT BEHAVIOR WITH YOUR WIFE SUICIDA THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ADD

OK!

AAUGH.

FOW!

OVER THERE

THE WAREHOUSE WHERE THEY STORED EXH B TS WHEN THE VICTORY MUSEUM WAS DESTROYED. .

victory

D DN'T .T COMMEMORATE THE HEROES OF THE GOLDEN AGE...?

THAT S R GHT THE SUPER HEROES OF THE FORT ES AND F FT ES

HOW WAS IT DESTROYED?

ER -- LET S NOT GO INTO THAT..

NO LETS NOT.. YOU SEE, HE WAS RESPONS BLE, DRAGON .. HE BLEW T UP .. DESTROYED THE AMER CAN DREAM

I WAS THE TOUR GU DE AT THE T ME. T WAS THE ONLY JOB I EVER HAD.

BUY BONDS

, UNTIL I BECAME THE COMMANDMENT KILLER.

AND BEGAN WORK RESTORING THE DREAM. WARN NG TODAY S GENERAT ON OF SUPER HEROES, TO GET BACK TO TRAD T ONAL VALUES -- THE WAY WE WERE ..

SORRY... WHAT THE SC ENT STS D D TO YOU ALL THOSE YEARS AGO HAS AFFECTED YOUR M ND... YOU NEED HELP...

THAT'S NOT TRUE .. DOCTOR SHOCC WAS L KE A FATHER TO ME... I LET HIM DOWN... I - I FA LED H M.

AND NOW ALL I M LEFT WITH S .. A WAREHOUSE OF BROKEN DREAMS

SO... YOU MIGHT AS WELL F N SH ME OFF.. GO ON MARSHAL SHOOT ME! DO IT!

FOR GOD'S SAKE KILL ME

I NEARLY PULL THE TR GGER, N THE OLD DAYS I WOULDN'T HES TATE.

BUT I AM THE NEW MARSHAL LAW

I M SORRY, SORRY, I CAN T YOU RE S CK

OKAY I LL KILL MYSELF THEN. I'LL BR NG DOWN THE METEOR TE THAT EMPOWERED G MAN'S GRAV TY ST CK.

YES, THE OLD ME WOULD HAVE TOLD H M I VOM T ON THE LY NG VALUES OF THE F FT ES . AS I BEAT H M TO A PULP

STOP T. YOU LL HURT YOURSELF

AND THAT TS SQUEAKY CLEAN HEROES HAD BROOM HANDLES UP THE R ANUSES

AND WALLOWED IN THE R SELF DECEIVING BULLSH T.

DOOM!

HE ALMOST D D T

JUST STOPPED H M N TME.

OKAY- I LL LEAD INTO V CTORY G RLS OLYMP AN F RE

BUT NOW THE B LE NO LONGER R SES N MY THROAT AT SUPER HEROES B ZARRE ANT CS

GO OUT N A BLAZE OF GLORY. .

THEIR CLOAKS FAIL TO ACT AS A RED RAG TO A BULL...

HE'S EXTINGUISHED THE FLAME!

KRUMP!

MY FISTS NO LONGER CLENCH WHEN I HEAR THEIR INANE BRAYINGS...

CRAP! THAT WAS A LUCKY ESCAPE!

AND HE HASN'T GIVEN UP!

AND THE URGE TO STRANGLE THEM WITH THEIR OWN PANTY-HOSE IS FINALLY...GONE...

THE NUCLEAR BOMB... BUILT BY MISTER ATOMIC, THE GOLDEN AGE PUBLIC SPIRIT'S GREATEST ENEMY!

THE ULTIMATE TROPHY! THE ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION! I SHALL BE REMEMBERED AT LAST!

I'M AFRAID THEY REMOVED THE TRIGGER WHEN THEY PUT IT IN THE EXHIBITION.

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

THANKS TO THE DRAGON... I'VE MADE *PEACE* WITH MYSELF...

I--I NEARLY MADE IT, DIDN'T I, MARSHAL?

YEAH. SORRY... YOU NEARLY MADE IT. COME ON-- I'LL READ YOU YOUR RIGHTS.

I LOOK AROUND FOR HIM...

DRAGON...?

HE'S GONE, TOO... THE MYSTERIOUS FORCE THAT BROUGHT HIM HAS TAKEN HIM AWAY AGAIN...

I GUESS HIS WORK WAS DONE...

FOR HE SHOWED ME THINGS I NEEDED TO SEE...

VICTORY

FEAR

LIBERTY

SP D

FOR GODS SAKE KILL ME

I'M A HERO HUNTER.

I HUNT HEROES.

AND I FINALLY FOUND ONE...

MYSELF.

CUT THE CAPE!

Welcome to the second issue of "Ten" which sees our departure, for the time being at least, from Image. We'd like to thank Erik for making the experience an enjoyable and painless one - as a publisher, he's a Prince and there ain't many of them around, believe us! Details of our future Law plans can be found on the next page. We'd really like to have your feedback on where we're going with the character - but, as we're "moving house" to Dark Horse, we're not sure where and when you should write. Maybe you should contact us care of Dark Horse Inc. 10956 SE Main Street, Milwaukie OR 97222 or drop a line to Pat's E-mail address which is... Patmills@aspects.net
Hope to hear from you soon!

Pat & Kev

MARSHAL LORE

In case you missed them... Your at-a-glance guide to past books

FEAR AND LOATHING. MARVEL/EPIC 6 issues
28 pages 1987-1989

In Law's debut story, he is on the trail of the Sleepman, a nightmarish super-villain who is murdering women who resemble Celeste, fiancee of Buck Caine, the Public Spirit - America's greatest super hero.

Law hates the Public Spirit for encouraging a generation of young soldiers to sign up for super-powers so they can fight in a war in South America. For now the survivors have returned home, broken and psychologically disturbed by their powers. That's Law's job as a licensed vigilante - to keep the vets in line, crazies like Suicida, leader of Gangreen.

But Law is convinced the Sleepman is really the Public Spirit, turned psycho by the cocktail of drugs he takes to maintain his super powers. Especially when Law learns his first fiancee, Virago, drowned some years before under mysterious circumstances. Law's hatred for Buck increases when his girlfriend, Lynn, is killed by the Sleepman.

Finally, he learns the truth... that Virago survived the attempt by the Public Spirit to drown her and gave birth to a son...Danny - the Sleepman - whom she has been grooming for years to avenge her, by discrediting his father.

In the savage finale, the Public Spirit kills Virago...Law "kills" Danny, and then tackles the Spirit, who is executed on the orders of McGland to avoid a public scandal. But, deep within the headquarters of Shocc - Super Hero Operational Command and Control - and unknown to Law, Danny lives on - the subject of scientific experiments into the nature of super powers.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT - MARSHAL LAW TAKES MANHATTAN. MARVEL/EPIC
1989 48 pages

Law is sent to New York to bring back to San Futuro a super-criminal known as the Persecutor. Law loathes him because he was once a government torturer he met in the Zone - the war in South America where they both fought. The Persecutor has taken shelter in an asylum for dangerous super-lunatics who Law has to fight off before finally getting his man. But, sickened by the Persecutor's past crimes, he leaves him to the less than tender mercies of gang of cannibal bums.

KINGDOM OF THE BLIND APOCALYPSE
1990 48 pages

Law has always admired the Private Eye, the wealthy Avenger of the Night who administers street justice to the punks of San Futuro. But the real reason the Private Eye is a vigilante is because he is paranoid that he will lose his vast riches. He has maintained his powerful physique by organ transplants from his boy companions. Law sees the light when his assistant, Kiloton, is murdered by the Private Eye and avenges his death in a final shoot-out with the Private Eye in a slaughter-house.

THE HATEFUL DEAD APOCALYPSE
1991 48 pages

Toxic fluid seeps into a San Futuro cemetary - bringing the dead back to life, including Black Scarab and other super heroes shot by Law in the past. Meanwhile, Law is attacked by ex-vet Razorhead whom he defeats and makes his new assistant. Law, Razorhead and Law's mortician father fight the Super Zombies, but then Black Scarab reanimates Lynn Evans, Law's dead-girlfriend. She persuades Law to shoot himself and join the Zombies in death and the story ends with Law pulling the trigger...

SUPER BABYLON. DARK HORSE
1992 48 pages

The story of the Super-Zombies continues. Law's hand shakes so much, he misses and shoots himself through the cheeks. He escapes with his dead girlfriend Lynn, even though he knows their relationship is now doomed. Meanwhile, Heroes of the Golden Age are re-animated by the toxic fluid and Law has to fight them as well as Black Scarab. Lynn renames herself Vindicta and turns against him. Law destroys the Victory Museum where the Golden Age Heroes reside along with Scarab and Vindicta. He believes the Zombie threat is over and is unware that Vindicta has crawled free from the wreckage...

PINHEAD VS. MARSHAL LAW. LAW IN HELL. MARVEL/EPIC
1993 2 issues 32 pages

Law falls in love again - with Super Nova, a Super Heroine who has made contact with the Cenobites. He operates a box which transports them to Hell. There, he fights the Cenobites and meets Pinhead who introduces him to the true nature of pain.

Breaking free, he realises there is still a shred of humanity in the Cenobite when he learns of Pinhead's past life as an officer in World War One. He reminds Pinhead that, in its horrifying trenches, real heroes died. The Cenobite leader releases him from Hell so he may continue his work hunting down more phoney Super Heroes.

Back on Earth, Super Nova tells Law to give up his job as a hero-hunter of lose her. He must choose between Love and Hate... But Law loves his job too much and Super Nova leaves him.

SECRET TRIBUNAL DARK HORSE
1993-1994 2 issues 32 pages

Young super heroes like Public Spirit Junior, Growing Boy and Super Sensitive Girl are being reared on an orbiting space station. Following a stupid dare by Public Spirit Junior, an Alien is released onto the station and kills Super Sensitive Girl. Marshal Law reluctantly leads the Secret Tribunal, a crack team of Heroes, to track the Alien down. Its members include Super Heroine Breathless with whom he has a brief affair. With the help of the Tribunal and also Growing Boy, Super Sensitive Girl's boyfriend, Law destroys the Alien.

AND SO YOU'RE REALLY GENNED UP... WE ALSO PRESENT:

HALL OF MAIM

WHO'S WHO IN MARSHALL LAW

SUICIDA

Leader of Gangreen, a gang of ex-veterans of the Zone who terrorize the streets of San Futuro. A Marshal Law regular, he appeared in #1 when he attacked Sorry the Nearly Man. It's possible Law has some sneaking sympathy for Suicida because they served in the Zone together, and because, he too, hated the Public Spirit: on one occasion totaling his new sports car. This may explain why - despite their many battles (*Fear and Loathing*, *Kingdom of the Blind*, and *Super Babylon*) - Suicida's still loose on the streets. The most popular of Law's enemies, there were once plans for him to have his own spin-off series.

PUBLIC SPIRIT JUNIOR

Marshal Law hated the Public Spirit - America's greatest hero - big time, because he knew what a phony he really was. So it's not surprising he feels the same way about his successor, the wannabe, Public Spirit Junior. This super-man-in-the-making previously appeared in *Secret Tribunal* when he led the League of Heroes against an Alien attacking an orbiting space station. Only Growing Boy and Marshal Law knew the truth about him - about his savage assault on the Biogram Girl and cowardice in the face of the enemy. He ended up being possessed by Anti-Man, a member of the Secret Tribunal.

SORRY THE NEARLY MAN

A.K.A. Tom Roye, he first appeared in #1 when Suicida attacked him on suspicion of being The Sleepman, a serial killer who was murdering super-heroines. Never bitter that he himself was turned down for the super-hero program, he resented his peers behaving in unheroic ways, not least Marshal Law! He wanted them to be like the straight-forward, clean-cut heroes of the past, and his dreams came true in *Super Babylon* when he was made Tour Guide of the Victory Museum. Here Golden Age Heroes who battled for America in World War Two were embalmed. But he was heart-broken when they were re-animated and later destroyed - along with the museum - by Law.

GROWING BOY

Public Spirit Junior's companion on the Space Station in *Secret Tribunal*, he was fearful that he would be a failure and not be able to enlarge parts of his body. Super Sensitive Girl helped him overcome some of his fears, but she was killed by the Alien. He then teamed up with Marshal Law and played an important part in the Alien's destruction. A great admirer of Law, he wanted to be his boy companion, but was made a probationary member of the Secret Tribunal instead.

COMMISSIONER McGLAND

Marshal Law's corrupt and manipulative boss who first commissioned him to be a licensed vigilante, a super hero hunter - to "keep the street scum in their place". He didn't like it when Law started taking an interest in the Public Spirit's past and warned him off, but Law persisted. When it looked like the scandal surrounding America's greatest hero would be made public, he had the Spirit shot - rather than face trial for murder. He also asked Law to lead the Secret Tribunal on a alien hunt. As McGland had failed to pay his salary, Law was forced to agree

RUBBER JOHNNY

Originally a member of the Jesus League of America - when he was known as Devil's Tool - he had the ability to stretch his body into any shape he desired. He appeared briefly in *Fear and Loathing* as a guest at the Public Spirit'sWedding. Then, in *Kingdom of the Blind*, one of his Condominiums, selling super hero costumes, was trashed by Suicida. There were also references in this story to his bizarre relationship with a Hollywood actress under the newspaper headline: "The night Rubber Johnny came thru my catflap.". In *Super Babylon*, the Golden Age Rubber Johnny disguised himself as a commode with unfortunate results.

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LAW - THE MOVIE

In December 1995 we signed a three year film option with Baby Productions to make a Marshal Law movie. Baby consists of the Anglo-American team of film executive Ileen Maisel, recently head of Paramount Pictures (UK) and consultant for Hat Trick films, and Duncan Heath, Chairman of ICM (Europe). Duncan acts as agent for many well-known actors, writers, producers and directors and has played a major role in setting up many TV and film series.

They are keen to have our active involvement at every stage - which is why we are actually part of the production company and why we ultimately chose to go with them in preference to an offer from a Hollywood studio that would have meant a direct "buy-out". We feel that the creators' involvement is essential if a movie based on a comic-book is to work, and thankfully, this is generally recognized these days - even in Hollywood.

The screenplay and Kevin's designs are based on the original Law series, *Fear and Loathing*, suitably adapted and streamlined for the big screen, and have received the thumbs up from our associates and financial backer. But Law purist's can rest assured that there has been no compromise on the character and there won't be, not if we have anything to do with it. Thus, the dark comedy that is a prime factor in Law's comicbook success is very much present in the movie; in fact there's a whole lot more, combined with a strong driving storyline to keep the all important "tone" right.

So where does the movie stand right now? Well...we're at that exciting, but perilous stage we call pre-production Hell! The next stage is signing up a director, and plans for this are well advanced. The screenplay has been favorably received by a well-known Hollywood figure with a strong background in science-fantasy films. Currently Baby Productions lawyers are talking to his lawyers, prior to his joining us as director. Sorry if that sounds a little mysterious, but it would be premature and maybe unlucky to say more at this stage. We hope to bring you more news on the film by the time the next comic book appears.

FUTURE LAW:
Where we go from here

Following the Dragon/Law cross-over, our next Law story will be a two issue color cross-over with Dark Horse's The Mask. Dark Horse have okayed our synopsis and I'm currently about to start writing the script. All we can say now, in case our ideas change, is that it will probably feature a female version of Marshal Law and the long-awaited return of Law's greatest enemy... the Sleepman! We figure it should be out sometime in the Fall of '97, all things being equal. See you there!

Pat Mills April 1997